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plants with specialized adaptation for fertilization, or dispersion, or endurance, are less widely distributed than the less specialized or lower.—6. *Botanical Gazette*, January: well filled. Mr. Garber gives a racy account of his herborizations in Florida, and Mr. Burgess, of some Iowa plants. Dr. Rothrock, considering that *Diplopappus* must be partitioned out among other neighboring genera, proposes for *D. ericoides*, T. & G., the name of *Aster ericæfolius*, to distinguish it from *D. ericoides*, Less. *Aplopappus ericoides*, DC.—7. *Field and Forest*, January, adds the Mosses to the Flora Columbiana.

§ 141. **International Exchange.**—In October, 1876, at the request of Charles Robinson, Esq., Secretary of the New South Wales Commission of the Centennial Exposition, Rev. Samuel Lockwood, of Freehold, N. J., shipped to the Botanic Garden, at Sydney, N. S. W., a collection of American aquatic plants. The suite embraced *Nelumbium luteum*, *Nymphaea odorata*, *Nuphar advena*, *Sarracenia purpurea*, *Pontederia cordata*, *Vaccinium macrocarpon*. Excepting *N. luteum*, the plants were all collected by the Doctor around his home. The Nelumbo was obtained at Woodstown, Salem Co., N. J. The plants consisted of roots and seeds, all of which, even the seeds, were packed in very wet sphagnum, in a strong, tight cask, closely sealed up, and expressed by way of San Francisco. Full notes of the habits of the plants were sent.

§ 142. **Franklin Society of Providence, R. I.**—It may interest the Members of the Torrey Club, to know that a Botanical Section of the Providence Franklin Society has been instituted, which meets every alternate Thursday evening. The attendance has so far been quite good, and we perceive encouraging symptoms of increasing membership. In addition to the exhibition of specimens, and the friendly interchange of views, a topic is chosen for discussion, and to this special attention is given. In this way, *Rudimentary Organs*, *Fertilization*, etc., have been considered. It is purposed, too, that a systematic work of collection of Rhode Island plants be entered upon, exchanges established, etc. A feature in our meetings, so far, has been the attendance of a number of ladies, and we can safely affirm an increasing interest in our beloved science in this community. For our little Society we bespeak the kind attention of similar organizations everywhere, and we will be glad to receive any suggestions, and to welcome any visitors. The Officers are: Chairman: W. W. BAILEY; Secretary: L. W. RUSSELL. W. W. B.

§ 143. **Habenaria ciliaris**, R. Br.—This occurs here with flowers varying in color from bright yellow to nearly white, and it is noticeable that the deeper the yellow color the more strongly are the lateral sepals reflexed. J. B. E.

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The Club meets regularly the last Tuesday of the month in the Herbarium, Columbia College, at 7:30 P. M. Botanists are invited to attend. DR. THURBER, the President of the Club, may be found at 245 Broadway.